

HOUSE No. 2897

By Mrs. Gomes of Harwich, petition of Shirley Gomes for legislation to direct the Executive Office of Health and Human Services to provide for advanced care planning services for severely ill persons. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO TARGETED CARE MANAGEMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The Executive Office of Health and Human Services is hereby
2 authorized and directed to establish Targeted Case Management—
3 Advanced Care Planning Services for the Severely Ill Medicaid
4 Client. This new service will cover case management services
5 provided to individuals enrolled in the Medicaid Program who
6 have a serious illness that might result in their death within two
7 years. Examples of diagnoses that may suggest a referral for this
8 service include, but are not limited to: Cancer, End Stage Cardio-
9 Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Alzheimer’s Disease and Related
10 Disorders (ADRD), End Stage Cardiac Disease (Congestive Heart
11 Failure), Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), Post
12 Cerebrovascular Accident (Stroke), End Stage Renal Disease
13 (ESRD), Parkinson’s Disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
14 (Lou Gehrig’s Disease). The providers must be state licensed to
15 provide home health and a certified Medicare hospice provider.